



Sully Spotlight





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Events of Interest for the Month

-  **Sat., October 7—10 a.m.—2 p.m.—Sully District Police Station Open House**
-  **Mon., October 9—Columbus Day**
-  **Tues., October 18—7:30 p.m.—Citizens' Advisory Committee Meeting, 4900 Stonecroft Boulevard**
-  **Tues., October 31—Halloween**

Halloween Safety Tips



October 31 is a night celebrated by thousands of children dressed up as ghouls, goblins, princesses, cartoon characters, action heroes and many other themes. There are several safety tips and general practices that can help ensure the safety of young ones on this night.



When buying costumes, make sure they are flame retardant so little ones aren't put in harms way. While dressing children in costumes, make sure the costumes are short enough to prevent the children from tripping. If at all possible, use make up instead of masks to help little ones see where they are walking. If the costume is dark, put reflective tape on the costume and have your child carry a flashlight or glow stick so they are visible in the dark. Make sure children are supervised by an adult while out in the neighborhoods. Always make sure you leave the houses with the same number of children you arrived with.

If you are the recipient of trick-or-treaters at your house, make their travel to your door safe from open flames and objects that may catch their costumes. Have your porch light on and any other lighting you may have in your yard. If you pass out candy, inspect it before the little ones start arriving. Make sure wrappers are sealed. Any candy with open or torn wrappers should be kept out of the goodie bowl. Make sure pets are kept away from where the trick-or-treaters will be received at your house.



Taking a few extra minutes to use the tips mentioned above will help ensure children have a safe and fun Halloween night.



SULLY DISTRICT POLICE STATION OPEN HOUSE

The officers of the Sully District Police Station invite their friends and neighbors to a day of fun at our open house on October 7, 2006, from 10 a.m.– 2 p.m.



There will be Pony Rides, Moon Bounces, Cotton Candy, Popcorn, Police Vehicles, K-9s, Motorcycles, Helicopter and much, much, more.

Halloween Tips



1. Walk with other kids or have your parents walk with you.
2. Stay on the sidewalks and don't cut across people's yards.
3. Cross at intersections and obey traffic signals.
4. If you wear a mask, make sure the holes are large enough to see and breathe through easily. **MAKE-UP IS SAFER.**
5. Have a plan so you cross the street only when necessary.
6. Don't go into other people's houses. Stay outside.
7. Go only to houses that are well lighted.
8. Wear bright, reflective colors so that drivers can see you when it gets dark. Remember that just because you see the cars doesn't mean the drivers see you.
9. Be courteous and say "Thank you" to the people who give out treats. Don't push others when you are at the door.
10. Have your parents check your treats for tampering. If you see something suspicious, throw it away. Make sure that the treats are in their original wrappers. Don't eat homemade treats unless you know the people who gave them to you.
11. After dark, take a flashlight along. This will help you see where you are going and let drivers see you.

12. Wear costumes that are fireproof and not too long or too loose.

13. Tell your family on which streets you will be trick-or-treating.

14. If there are no sidewalks, always walk facing traffic.



October is National Crime Prevention Month



In 1984, the National Crime Prevention Council designated October as Crime Prevention Month. The month-long celebration recognizes successful crime prevention efforts on the local, state and national levels to generate interest and enthusiasm for prevention efforts to continue to grow even stronger and become more widespread.

During October, you can help “Take a Bite Out of Crime” by supporting National Crime Prevention Month. Each year more than 25 million Americans are the victims of crime. Through community resources, your neighborhood can help provide valuable information on issues such as child safety, neighborhood watch, home security, senior safety and Internet safety to name a few. From the simple to the elaborate, getting involved in crime prevention can have a far reaching impact.

Prevention starts at home by talking to your children. You are the future and by starting prevention with them at a young age you will help protect them and prepare them for whatever may come their way. If your children have never talked to a police officer, make a point to have them meet an officer. Let them know that police officers are here to protect them and be their friend. Children should not be afraid when they see a police officer.

By being an active member in your community, you can make a difference. You are encouraged to get involved with educating your community on crime prevention. Set up presentations in your community that are offered through the Sully District Police Station's Crime Prevention Office. Encourage others to become active as well. *When a pebble is cast into a perfectly still pond, the consequence of the impact ripples out from the centre. The ripples reach all sides of the pond in a far-reaching expression of cause and effect.* You can be the pebble that reaches the far sides of your community to help prevent crime. Become involved!

Information courtesy of <http://www.nationalexchangeclub.com/ProgramsService/crimepreventionresources.htm>





Sully District Crime Prevention Office: Programs and Services

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Neighborhood Watch

Business Watch

Park Watch

Robbery Prevention Seminar for Businesses

Personal Safety Seminar

Free Home Security Surveys

Free Business Security Surveys

Identity Theft Prevention Seminar

Telemarketing Scams Prevention

Child Internet Safety (for parents)

Safe Return Program for Seniors

Senior Safety Talks

Gang Awareness

Drug Awareness Education for Parents and kids

Child Fingerprinting

Stranger Danger/Officer Friendly

McGruff the Crime Dog

Babysitting Safety

Halloween Safety

Bicycle Helmet Safety for Children

Gun Safety Talk for Children

Bullying Prevention Talks for kids

School Bus Safety (Preschool)

Seat Belt Safety Talk for Children

.....Or we can tailor talks to meet your needs

Emails sent out to community/distribution list: (Email us to get on the list)

Daily Calls for Service

Weekly Crime Summary

Monthly *Sully Spotlight* Newsletter

News Alerts Pertinent to Sully District Residents and Businesses

If interested in any of these services or programs, please contact us.

Traffic Trivia

How are speed limits determined?

Speed limits are based on road design and traffic conditions. City streets where there is heavier traffic typically have lower speed limits than lightly traveled country roads. Roads around schools and other places where there are many pedestrians may have lower posted speed limits. Limited-access highways like interstates and parkways have higher speed limits because traffic flow is better controlled.

When conditions are hazardous, Virginia State Police and other law enforcement officials have the power to decide whether the posted speed limit is safe. Speeding is dangerous even on the best and safest roads. A speeder disrupts the flow of traffic and can place other vehicles in danger as well.

The law does not allow any tolerance of speeds higher than the posted limit.

Factors considered in determining reasonable and safe speed limits are categorized into two phases: The engineering investigation and the traffic investigation.

The engineering investigation involves a study of the geometric design of the road. Engineers review such items as lane width, pavement type, condition and terrain. In addition, the engineers look at parking conditions, commercial and residential development along the road, the number of entrances, width and types and intersecting streets.

The traffic investigation involves gathering and analyzing traffic related data. Engineers study the prevailing vehicle speeds, average test runs, traffic volumes, crash experience and traffic control devices that affect or are affected by vehicle speeds.

Guidance: When a speed limit is to be posted, it should be the 85th-percentile speed of free flowing traffic, rounded up to the nearest 5 mph increment.

Options: Other factors that may be considered when establishing speed limits are the following:

1. Road characteristics, shoulder condition, grade, alignment and sight distance.
2. The pace speed.
3. Roadside development and environment.
4. Parking practices and pedestrian activity.
5. Reported crash experience for at least a 12-month period.

Two types of speed limit signs may be used: one to designate passenger car speeds, including any nighttime information or minimum speed limit that might apply and the other to show any special speed limits for trucks and other vehicles.

By MPO Vincent DarConte

Sully District Station Child Seat Inspections

Is your child seat installed properly? Is it the correct seat for the child's age and weight? Did you know that your Sully District Station offers free child seat inspections by certified technicians?



Next available dates:	Thursday, October 5, 2006	5 p.m.—9 p.m.
	Tuesday, October 10, 2006	5 p.m.—9 p.m.
	Thursday, October 19, 2006	5 p.m.—9 p.m.
	Tuesday, October 24, 2006	5 p.m.—9 p.m.

No appointment is necessary. Our technicians request that you make an effort to install your child safety seats yourself, so that they may properly inspect and make adjustments, as necessary. For additional child seat inspection times, you may call the Fairfax County Operations Support Bureau



Neighborhood Watch Training Set for Monday, October 2

The Sully District Crime Prevention Office will offer Neighborhood Watch training on Monday, October 02, 2006 for any existing Neighborhood Watches who need new members trained. The training will begin at 7 p.m. and last approximately two hours. Now is the time to get new members trained! The next training will be held after the first of the year. Please try to attend if you are in need of training.



CAC CORNER

The Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC) will meet Tuesday, October 17, 2006, at 7:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Sully District Government Center, 4900 Stonecroft Boulevard in the community room. If you live or work in the Sully District, you are encouraged to attend this meeting. Your voice does make a difference. We look forward to seeing you at the meeting!

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File a Report on Line
www.fairfaxcounty.gov/ps/police/homepage.htm

Virginia Amber Alert
<http://www.vaamberalert.com>

**Aggressive Driving—
Report Online at**
https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/ps/police/traf_sfty_report.htm



PHONE NUMBERS

**Fairfax County Crime
Solvers :**
1-866-411-TIPS

**Fairfax County Police
Non-Emergency:**
703-691-2131

**Sully District Crime
Prevention Office:**
703-814-7018

**Child Car Seat
Installation:**
Sully District Station
703-814-7000 x 5140

SAFE (Self Defense Class)
703-246-7806

**Citizen Reporting System
(to file reports only)**
703-464-4756

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GUN SAFETY

By MPO Vincent DarConte



Do you own a gun?

Have you been properly trained how to use and store your gun?

Have you spoken to your children about gun safety?

People own guns for many different reasons: sport, collectables or as a hobby. No matter why people own guns or why they carry them, each person must have special training to know how to handle them safely. All guns should be unloaded and properly secured when not in use. They should always be secured with a gun lock or placed in a gun safe.

As adults, it is our responsibility to teach children about gun safety and to protect them from gun related accidents. Baby gates and child safety gates, cabinet latches, faucet covers and pool alarms are just a few of the items purchased when a new child arrives. We all want to protect our children, so a gun lock or gun safe makes common sense.

What should children do when they see a gun?

**STOP!
DON'T TOUCH
LEAVE THE AREA
TELL AN ADULT
THE ADULT SHOULD CALL THE POLICE**



There is no particular age to begin talking with your child about gun safety. Even if you do not own a gun, one of your child's friends' parents may. Would they know what to do or who to go to if they found a gun? Always treat every gun as if it is loaded and ready to fire. Many accidental discharges of firearms occur from a lack of knowledge or carelessness. Be safe, keep your children safe.

The Fairfax County Police Department supplies gun locks to anyone free of charge. Call your local district station and ask for the crime prevention office.

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